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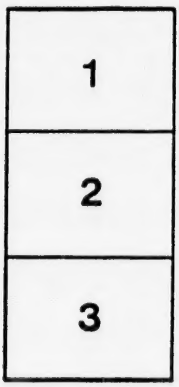

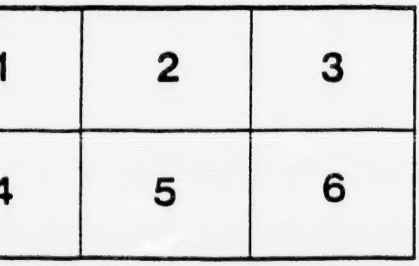

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OTTAWA FIELD NATURALISTS' CLUB.

The Ottawa Field Naturalists' Club was organized in March, 1879, for the express purpose of working up the Natural History of the district, and at the same time popularizing the study of the different branches of Natural Science.

The value of these studies cannot be over-estimated, for, from their very nature, they are most beneficial both to mind and body, while, from an economical point of view they are no less important. Every opportunity has been taken, since the organization of the Club, to impress this fact upon the public, and to direct attention to the value of the work accomplished.

The future of Ottawa is in large measure dependent upon the development of the vast stores of minerals contained in the surrounding districts, and which are as yet almost unexplored. The manifold uses and demand for all vegetable products make it necessary that the nature and habits of plants should be closely studied, as well as those of the countless myriads of insect foes which deprive the cultivator of so much of his hard-earned gains.

It gives very great satisfaction to the members of the Council to find that the Club is being gradually recognized as a source of reliable reference on all these matters. They are particularly anxious to encourage correspondents, and they will gladly answer questions and furnish information on subjects relating to the Natural History of the locality. It is hoped that all, whether members of the club or not, will unhesitatingly call its services into requisition.

The Annual Subscription is only ONE DOLLAR; for which members are entitled to receive copies of any publications issued by the Club during the year, to attend all lectures free of charge, and to purchase tickets for the monthly Excursions at reduced rates. Any one wishing to join the Club can apply to a member of the Council.

The success which has accompanied this important undertaking—as shown by the Transactions already published—justifies the Council in appealing confidently to the public for support and encouragement in carrying out their work. This Circular will be received by many who are not members, and although some may not feel in a position to join the Club, the Council would point out that everyone can be of great assistance in promoting its aims by sending specimens, making enquiries, or communicating information relative to any new, rare, or remarkable objects or phenomena which may come under their notice.

A record of all work done by the Club is published annually in the form of TRANSACTIONS of which three yearly numbers have already been issued. Copies of these may be obtained from the Librarian at 25 cents each. They contain Lists of nearly all the Plants, Shells and Birds to be found in the vicinity; the Reports of the Council; the Inaugural Addresses of the President, and interesting and valuable reports and papers in each branch of Natural History. The number soon to be issued will it is hoped be equally valuable.

One EXCURSION of the Club will be held each month, if possible, during the season. The Council will endeavor to visit the most attractive points, and to make each Excursion a source of pleasant and profitable recreation to the members and their friends. In addition there will be from time to time SUB-EXCURSIONS, for the purpose of examining localities nearer to the city, of which members will be notified by the Leaders of the Branches, and it is of vital importance to the Club that these working parties should be largely attended.

During the winter there will be the usual SOIREES, probably six in number, at which valuable reports and papers will be submitted and specimens placed on exhibition.

The system of appointing LEADERS in the several Branches has been continued, in order that members may know to whom to apply for information and assistance. Members are requested to immediately send in their names to the Leaders of those Branches with which they wish to be connected, in order that they may be duly notified of all Sub-Excursions.

The LEADERS are as follows:—

1. *Geology.*—W. P. Anderson, H. Watters *(Mineralogy).*
   W. R. Billings, H. M. Ami *(Palæontology & Stratigraphy).*
   F. D. Adams *(Lithology).*
2. *Botany.*—R. B. Whyte, J. Fletcher *(Phænogams).*
   Prof. J. Macoun *(Cryptogams).*
3. *Conchology.*—J. F. Whiteaves, P. S. Poirier, F. R. Latchford.
4. *Entomology.*—W. H. Harrington, J. Fletcher, J. B. Tyrrell.
5. *Ornithology and Oology.*—Prof. J. Macoun, Geo. R. White, W. L. Scott.
6. *Zoology (General).*—H. B. Small, W. P. Lett.

THE DUTIES OF THE LEADERS ARE:

To render any assistance in their power to the members engaged in collecting or studying in their respective branches.

To bring together for mutual aid and encouragement the members interested in the same subject.

To organize and direct working parties.

To keep notes of work done, and report to the Council at the close of the season.

A PRIZE will be offered in each branch for the best collection of specimens; but no prize will be awarded unless a collection is considered of sufficient merit.

All collections must be made personally in this locality during the ensuing season; must be properly arranged and named, and submitted for examination by 31st December, 1883.

The President also offers a Special Prize for the best record of original work done during the year by any member of the Club.

W. H. HARRINGTON,

Secretary.

Preserve this Circular for Reference.

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RULES.

1. *Name and Object.*—This Club shall be called the OTTAWA FIELD NATURALISTS' CLUB, and its object shall be the study of the Natural History of this Locality.

2. *Management.*—The Club shall be under the management of a Council, annually elected, consisting of a President, two Vice-Presidents, a Treasurer, a Librarian, and a Committee of three other members; all of whom shall be eligible for re-election; three to form a quorum. Minutes of the meetings and proceedings of the Council to be duly kept.

3. *Annual Meeting.*—The Annual Meeting of the Club shall be held on the third Tuesday in March, at which, in addition to other business, the Annual Report of the Council shall be read, and the officers for the following year elected by ballot after nomination.

4. *Special Meetings.*—A Special General Meeting of the Club may be called by the Council; and shall be called on requisition of not less than ten members, specifying the business they wish brought before the meeting. The Council shall call the meeting within fourteen days from the receipt of the requisition, giving one week's notice. No other business shall be transacted than that mentioned in the notice. The Council may, however, summon a meeting for the transaction of general business at any time.

5. *Proceedings.*—Excursions in summer and evening meetings in winter shall be held; all arrangements for which shall be made by the Council.

6. *Members.*—Ladies and Gentlemen desiring to join the Club shall send a written application, signed by the applicant and two members, to the Secretary, who shall bring the same before the next meeting of the Council for approval.

7. *Corresponding Members.*—The Council shall have the power of electing Corresponding Members, who shall be persons not residing in Ottawa or its immediate vicinity, but who may be desirous of promoting the objects of the Club. Corresponding members shall not be required to pay membership fees.

8. *Annual Fee.*—The annual membership fee shall be one dollar, payable in advance, due on the third Tuesday in March, and no member in arrears shall be entitled to any of the privileges of the Club. New members to pay the fee for the current year upon election. The payment of the annual fee to entitle a member to receive a copy of the Transactions, as published, and to admission to the Club Soirees without further charge.

9. *Special Tickets.*—Special tickets for non-members who may wish to join an Excursion may be granted by the Secretary, on the application of a member, and under such limitations as the Council may prescribe.

10. *Amendments.*—No Rule shall be enacted or amended except by a Special meeting of the Club called for that purpose, and by a two-third vote of the members present.

NOTE.—*The prompt compliance of members with Rule 8 is particularly requested.*